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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A unitary disposable absorbent article comprising:
an absorbent core having a garment surface and a body surface;
a liquid permeable topsheet positioned adjacent said body surface of said absorbent core;
a liquid impermeable backsheet positioned adjacent said garment surface of said absorbent core; and
an elastically contractible dual cuff having a proximate end and a distal end, said dual cuff being joined to said article by an intermediate bond, said dual cuff having a first cuff and a second cuff, said first cuff being disposed between said proximate end and said intermediate bond, said second cuff being disposed between said intermediate bond and said distal end, said dual cuff being constructed of a continuous cuff material and enclosed by a cuff end bond, said cuff end bond being disposed at said distal end;
wherein said second cuff is spaced away from said backsheet, ~~wherein said first and second cuffs are barrier cuffs.~~
2. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein said backsheet extends outboard of said distal end.
3. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein said first cuff envelopes at least one elastic.
4. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 3 wherein said elastic is operatively associated with said first cuff by securing it with an elastic attachment element.

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5. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein said second cuff envelopes at least one elastic.
6. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 5 wherein said elastic is operatively associated with said second cuff by securing it with an elastic attachment element.
7. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein said article is a disposable diaper.
8. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 7 wherein said disposable diaper is a prefastened diaper.
9. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein said continuous cuff material is constructed of a lesser-water-permeable material with a more-water-permeable material placed inside said lesser-water-permeable material.
10. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 9 wherein said lesser-water-permeable material is a spunbound material.
11. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 9 wherein said more-water-permeable material is a meltblown material.
12. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein said continuous cuff material is constructed of a spunbound-meltblown laminate.
13. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein said continuous cuff material is constructed of a series of ~~various~~ materials.
14. (Currently Amended) A unitary disposable absorbent article comprising:
an absorbent core having a garment surface and a body surface;
a liquid permeable topsheet positioned adjacent said body surface of said absorbent core;

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a liquid impermeable backsheet positioned adjacent said garment surface of said absorbent core; and

an elastically contractible dual cuff having a proximate end and a distal end, said dual cuff being joined to said article by an intermediate bond, said dual cuff having a first cuff and a second cuff, said first cuff being disposed between said proximate end and said intermediate bond, said second cuff being disposed between said intermediate bond and said distal end, said dual cuff being constructed of a continuous cuff material and enclosed by a cuff end bond, wherein at least one of said first and second cuffs includes a pair of operatively associated elastic members extending substantially along the length thereof;

wherein said second cuff is spaced away from said backsheet, wherein said dual cuff is bonded to said article by a single bond.

15. (Original) The absorbent article of claim 14 wherein said single bond is said intermediate bond.

16. (New) The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the first and second cuffs are barrier cuffs.

17. (New) The absorbent article of claim 14, wherein the first and second cuffs each include a pair of operatively associated elastic members.